

# FISCAL NOTE

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**Bill #:** HB0554

**Title:** Increase certain nonresident hunting and fishing fees

**Primary**

**Sponsor:** Paul Sliter

**Status:** Third Reading Concurred

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## Fiscal Summary

	<b><u>FY2002</u></b> <b><u>Difference</u></b>	<b><u>FY2003</u></b> <b><u>Difference</u></b>
<b>Expenditures:</b>		
State Special Revenue	0	0
<b>Revenue:</b>		
State Special Revenue	2,574,554	4,148,792
<b>Net Impact on General Fund Balance:</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

<b><u>Yes</u></b>	<b><u>No</u></b>		<b><u>Yes</u></b>	<b><u>No</u></b>	
	X	Significant Local Gov. Impact		X	Technical Concerns
	X	Included in the Executive Budget		X	Significant Long-Term Impacts
	X	Dedicated Revenue Form Attached		X	Family Impact Form Attached

## Fiscal Analysis

### ASSUMPTIONS:

1. This legislation provides for an increase in the following nonresident hunting and fishing licenses:

<u>License</u>	<u>Current</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
Wildlife conservation license	\$5	\$7
Season fishing license	\$45	\$60
Two-day fishing license	\$10	\$15
Wild turkey (see assumption #6 below)*	\$13	\$115

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Class B-7 Deer A*	\$150	\$250
Class B-10 Big Game Combo*	\$475	\$625
Deer Combo*	\$245	\$325
Deer Combo (Landowner)*	\$250	\$325
Moose*	\$475	\$750
Mountain Goat*	\$475	\$750
Mountain Sheep*	\$475	\$750
Antelope*	\$150	\$200
Black Bear*	\$120	\$350

2. Section 87-1-242(2) requires that 20 percent of any increase in licenses marked with an asterisk (\*) above be set aside and earmarked for the Habitat Montana program.
3. Anticipate a 15 percent reduction in nonresident black bear license sales in license year 2002 and a 10 percent reduction in license year 2003 due to the higher price.
4. Anticipate a 10 percent reduction in nonresident season fishing and nonresident two-day fishing licenses in license year 2002 and a 5 percent reduction in license year 2003 due to the higher prices.
5. No other nonresident license sales are anticipated to decline due to higher prices.
6. Under current law, nonresidents must purchase an upland game bird license (@ \$110) before they can purchase a turkey license (@ \$13) at a total cost of \$123. This legislation eliminates the requirement of purchasing the upland game bird license. It is assumed there are 1,500 nonresident upland game bird hunters that will benefit from this change in license structure.
7. Sales volumes are based upon estimated sales for license years 2002 and 2003. Revenue from these license sales is then converted to fiscal year estimates on a prorated basis.
8. This legislation goes into effect March 1, 2002, the beginning of a license year. Fiscal year 2002 revenue will be less than fiscal year 2003 because the higher fees will be collected for only a portion of the fiscal year.

FISCAL IMPACT:

	<u>FY2002</u> <u>Difference</u>	<u>FY2003</u> <u>Difference</u>
<u>Revenues:</u>		
State Special Revenue (02)		
General License Account	2,128,457	3,585,166
Habitat Montana Earmarked Account	<u>446,097</u>	<u>563,626</u>
TOTAL	\$2,574,554	\$4,148,792
<u>Net Impact to Fund Balance (Revenue minus Expenditure):</u>		
State Special Revenue (02)	\$2,574,554	\$4,148,792